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Sirhan's Trial Begins Today in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Sirhan B. Sirhan, the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant accused of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, goes on trial today in an armor-plated courtroom.

One of his attorneys, Emile Zola Berman of New York, said the main objective is "to save his life."

A first-degree murder conviction could bring the death penalty to Sirhan. He is being tried before Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker, who pronounced the death penalty 21 years ago for Caryl Chessman, the rapist who died in the gas chamber in 1960.